- of all common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, railroad trains, motor buses, streetcars, boats or other public conveyances or modes of transportation, hotels, lodging places, places of public accommodations, amusement, or resort, or other places to which the general public is invited, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable to all persons.
- (2) A totally or partially blind BLIND OR VISUALLY HANDI-CAPPED pedestrian not carrying a cane predominantly white or metallic in color (with or without a red tip) or using a guide dog in any of the places, accommodations or conveyances listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection (d), has all the rights and privileges conferred by law upon any other person.
- (3) The failure of a totally or partially blind BLIND OR VIS-UALLY HANDICAPPED pedestrian to carry a cane predominantly white or metallic in color (with or without a red tip) or to use a guide dog in any of the places, accommodations, or conveyances listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection (d) shall not be held to constitute or be evidence of contributory negligence per se.
- (e) The driver of a vehicle approaching a totally or partially blind pedestrian accompanied by a guide dog or using a cane predominantly white or metallic in color (with or without a red tip) shall take all reasonable care to avoid injury to the blind pedestrian. Any driver who fails to take all reasonable care to avoid injury to blind pedestrians is presumed to be negligent NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL MODIFY OR ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 66½, SECTION 11-504.1 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS HERETOFORE AND HEREAFTER AMENDED.
- (f) Every totally or partially blind BLIND OR VISUALLY HANDICAPPED person has the right to be accompanied by a guide dog, especially trained for the purpose, in any of the places listed in paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this section, without being required to pay an extra charge for the guide dog if HOWEVER he is liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by such HIS dog.
- (g) Any person or persons, firm, or corporation, or the agent of any person or persons, firm, or corporation, who denies or interferes with admittance to or enjoyment of the public facilities enumerated in this section, or otherwise interferes with the rights of a totally or partially blind BLIND OR VISUALLY HANDICAPPED person under this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject upon conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense.
- (h) Each year the Governor shall take suitable public notice of October 15 as White Cane Safety Day. He shall issue a proclamation in which he comments upon the significance of the White Cane; calls upon the citizens of the State to observe the provisions of the White Cane Law and to take precautions necessary to the safety of the disabled VISUALLY HANDICAPPED; reminds citizens of the State of the policies with respect to the blind and urges the citizens to cooperate in giving effect to them; emphasizes the need of the citizens to be aware of the presence of disabled VISUALLY HANDICAPPED persons in the community and to keep safe and functional for the blind and OR visually handicapped the streets, highways, side-